Judges and Ruth Parent Resources

Title: Israel Disobeys God **Passage:** Judges 1–3

Principle: Believers are to obey God and fear the devastating consequences of sin.

Praise: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

• What was the cycle of Israel's disobedience and God's response?

• What was a judge, and what job did he or she have in Israel?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

• By praying that God will reveal idols in his heart.

• By thanking God for showing mercy to sinners.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Judges 1–3.

Next Week: Judges 6–8

Title: God Uses Gideon to Deliver Israel

Passage: Judges 6–8

Principle: God chooses to deliver His people.

Praise: "Our God Is an Awesome God" **Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

• Why were the Israelites suffering under the Midianites?

• What happened during the Midianite defeat?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

• By admitting that he is unworthy of God's grace and deliverance.

• By being ready to be used as an instrument for God's glory.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Judges 6–8.

Next Week: Judges 13-16

Title: God Uses Samson to Deliver Israel

Passage: Judges 13-16

Principle: God uses the gifts that He gives for His glory.

Praise: "Change My Heart, Oh God" **Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

• What was good and bad in Samson's life?

• How did God accomplish His will in Samson's life?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

By looking for ways that God has designed him to serve Him.

• By repenting of the sin that he pursues instead of obeying God.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Judges 13–16.

Next Week: Ruth 1-4

Title: God's Sovereignty in the Book of Ruth

Passage: Ruth 1-4

Principle: Believers are to trust God's sovereignty and faithfully follow His commands.

Praise: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

How were Naomi and Ruth obedient even in hard times?

- How did God resolve their problems, and why is it important to us today? **Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:
 - By trusting that God is sovereign over both good and bad events.

• By responding rightly in the midst of trials. **This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Ruth 1–4.